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Hunt Institute was dedicated in 1961 as the Rachel McMasters Miller Hunt Botanical Library, an international center for bibliographical research and service in the interests of botany and horticulture, as well as a center for the study of all aspects of the history of the plant sciences. By 1971 the Library's activities had so diversified that the name was changed to Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation. Growth in collections and research projects led to the establishment of four programmatic departments: Archives, Art, Bibliography and the Library.

New Orleans, La. June 10/1895.

Mr. Frederick V. Coville, A. B.

ans. June 12. Cur. U. S. Nat. Herb.

Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

During the last three years I have collected over 2000 species of Plants from Guatemala for a amateur Botanist in this country, having retained several specimens of each kind. Many of them has proved to be undescribed or little known and of great interest.

I was told, that this collection might be desirable either to the Herbarium of Your care, or to that of the Smithsonian and I beg of Your kindness to inform me thereof.

The specimens are all well preserved, duly numbered according to a list of statement of date, locality and other notes, and in sheets of paper in form and size as used in Museums.

Since I intend to return very soon to the tropics, I would be very much willing for further collecting under the most rea-

reasonable terms and so, that any plant to be collected thereafter is no repetition of what I have already collected or between the collection I have, collecting only so many specimens of each kind as desired, to make sure that there will be always a good percentage of new and undescribed things between.

Hoping You will oblige me with Your most earliest reply, I am

very truly Yours

Rev. H. Th. Hyde